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> PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(e) -WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the present application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination, a preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. The reason for the filing of this petition is to have the preliminary Amendment and the references included with the Information Disclosure Statement considered. The requisite petition fee of \$130.00, as set forth under 37 CFR 1.17(b), is submitted herewith.

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